

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 30, such that the claims are as set forth below.

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) A device for obtaining and testing a sample, comprising:

a housing; and

a lancing device operatively coupled to said housing for obtaining a sample;

wherein the housing is of a construction sufficient to receive a test strip for substantially capturing at least a portion of the sample and for providing a result that corresponds to the captured portion of the sample.

22. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 21, wherein the lancing device comprises a cutting edge that is substantially aligned with the test strip when the test strip is received in the housing.

23. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 21, wherein the lancing device is operatively coupled to said housing by a spring mechanism.

24. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 21, wherein the lancing device comprises a body having a first axis, and a sharp operatively connected to the body, wherein the sharp has a second axis that is substantially perpendicular to the first axis.

25. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 21, wherein the lancing device comprises a sharp that has at least two points.

26. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 21, wherein the lancing device is of a construction sufficient to pierce tissue of a patient.

27. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 21, wherein when the test strip is received in the housing, the test strip is movable from a received position to a sample-contacting position.

28. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 27, wherein when the test strip is in the sample-contacting position, a fill channel of the test strip is substantially aligned with the sample.

29. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 21, wherein the result corresponds to a physiological property of the captured portion of the sample.

30. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 29, wherein the physiological property of the captured portion of the sample is selected from ~~the group consisting of~~ a glucose level, a carbohydrate level, a hemoglobin level, and a glycated hemoglobin level.

31. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 21, further comprising a controller operatively coupled to the housing for controlling operation of the lancing device.

32. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 21, further comprising an input unit operatively coupled to the housing for operating the lancing device.

33. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 21, further comprising a controller operatively coupled to the housing for controlling movement of the test strip when the test strip is received in the housing.

34. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 21, further comprising a display operatively coupled to the housing for displaying the result.

35. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 34, further comprising a controller operatively coupled to the housing for controlling the display.

36. (Previously Presented) A method for obtaining and testing a sample from a patient, comprising:

providing an automated device on a test site of a patient, the automated device of a construction sufficient to obtain a sample from the test site, to test the sample for an analyte, and to provide a result of the test, automatically upon activation; and  
activating the device.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the automated device is of a construction sufficient to move a test strip into contact with the sample, automatically upon activation.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the automated device is of a construction sufficient to pierce the test site and to move a test strip into contact with the sample from the pierced test site, automatically upon activation.

39. (Previously Presented) A method of obtaining and testing a sample, comprising:

activating an automated device, the automated device of a construction sufficient to obtain a sample, to test the sample for an analyte, and to provide a result of the test, upon activation.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the sample is blood.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the analyte is glucose.